

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

**Please rewrite the Abstract as indicated below:**

~~Open-ended apparatus, methods and articles of manufacture for constructing and executing transaction processes and programs are shown. These apparatus, methods and articles of manufacture are primarily used in computerized trading processes. Software for a computerized trading system includes a plurality of algorithm plug-ins and a plurality of market plug-ins. The software also includes an engine configured with a selected one of the algorithm plug-ins and a selected one of the market plug-ins. The algorithm plug-ins each implement a respective trading strategy and are substitutable for each other. The market plug-ins each implement trading rules for a respective securities market and are substitutable for each other.~~